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GARDINER BAXTER.

GROUNDS FOR THE "GYME." The Y. M. C. A. Will Put in Order a First-Class Place.

As the season for outdoor sports approaches, the Y. M. C. A. gymusats begin to make preparations for their summer enjoyment. They have leased Fountain Street park for the season and will make some needed improvements to meet their requirements. Friday evening at 6:30 about forty members of the class will repair to the members of the class will repair to the park and participate in a building bee. The fence now surrounding the park is in a dilapitated condition, much of it having been blown down. The boys will proceed to place the fence in position and to repair the broken portions. After the fence, is repaired those who have been at work will remain and induge in a few games during the evendulge in a few games during the even-ing. The tower light standing near by will make the surroundings light erough for evening sports. Next week work will begin on the unprovement of the grounds. Goal posts and jumping strands will be put in. A first-class tennis court will be one of the attrac-tive features of the park. A quarter mile track will be laid out around the diamond for foot races, the finish to be in front of the grand stand. The tennis court will be located on one side of the track and immediately onposite will be the jumping and vault-ing grounds. The diamond will be put in first-class condition, and several ball teams will be organized. Two foot ball teams will be formed, also two lacrosse clubs will be put into the field. The games will, as a general thing; be contested among themselves, although a club will be or-ganized from their best men for the purpose of playing a few outside games. Means for giving shower baths of cold water will be provided and the space under the grand stand will be utilized for a dressing room. A complete list of the required sporting goods has been placed with Grand Rapids dealers to obtain figures, which when procured will make a very full supply. The closing exercises of the gymnasium will be held in the form of an exhibition at the park on the evening of May 5, when prizes, consisting of a gold and silver medal, will be given to those who are the most proficient in class work. The boys' class will close with a contest at the park on the evening of May 7. The classes will be continued during the summer, but the exercises will consist of athletic training instead of gymnastic instruction. A very pleasant time is expected at the opening of the park on May 5. tion at the park on the evening of May

# MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The Methodists Meet and Discuss Questions of Church Policy.

The semi-annual meeting of the Grand Rapids District Ministerial association began yesterlay afterndon at 2:30 o'clock, in the Plainfield avenue M. E. church. Devotional exercises were led by the Rev. A. M. Gould, and there were present the Revs. W. I. Cogshall, president; A. J. Wheeler of Spring Lake, secretary; C. M. Welch, J. M. Wright of Ashland, C. L. Preston of Muskegon, W. J. Buell of Coopers-ville, J. W. Reid of Second street, city, ville, J. W. Reid of Second street, city, W. P. Hunsberger of Muskegon, W. L. Davi on of Joy Memorial, city, W. Dennian of East street, city, W. A. Frye of Plantield avenue, city, T. T. George of Rockford, J. H. Bennett of Grand Haven, J. M. Dayton of Cannonsburg, H. H. Bargelt of Holland.

An interesting essay, "The Higher Criticism of St. John," was read by the Rev. J. Wheeler, and elicited much favorable comment.
The Revs. Denman, Reid and Bar-

geit were named as the committee on

The Rev. J. M. Wright, a bright young speaker, gave a brief address on "The Place of Sacrifice in the Scheme of Salvation." His views upon the subject were extemporaneously and forci-bly expressed, and the criticism which followed was largely commendatory.

Invitations were received fr. m Mus-kegon, Cooperaville, Rockford and the Joy Memorial church for the holding of the next meeting, which will occur shortly after conference. The invita-tion from Joy Memorial was accepted, and the pastors of the following churches were named as a committee on program: Joy Memorial, Second street and Grand Haven.

An adjournment was then taken until the evening session.

The evening session was called to order by the presiding elder at 7:30, and devotional exercises were led by the Ray, C. M. Welch of Muskegon. The session was then devoted to the discussion of destrable changes in the economy of Methodism which will be asked of the general conference, soon to convene in Omaha. Five minute Bargeit, C. M. Weich, J. W. Reid, A. J. Wheeler, W. A. Frye, A. Smith, H. Hunsberger, J. H. Bennett, J. M. Dayton, W. J. Cogshall. These gentlemen spoke in favor of making a few changes spoke in favor of making a few changes in the rules governing the church administration, among the most prominent were that the officers of the church be elected by the church congregation. Under the present rule the officers are nominated by the pastor and elected by the members of the quarterly conference. They also favored the election of presiding elders by the conference instead of being appointed by the bishop; also that the bishops' jurisdiction be confined to districts. The session will be continued leday.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL A Pleasing Entertainment in Good Temp-

One of the most pleasing and sucpessful entertainments of the season was given in Good Templars' hall last evening to an appreciative audience. Miss Goebel, who was down for three numbers on the program, acquitted berself very creditably. She has a charming presence, well modulated with the property of the was given in Good Templars' hall last

bach, second tenor, C. Vierheilig, F. Piatte, first base, J. Piatte, G. Vierheilig, second base, F. Braunschneider, J. Braunschneider, recitation. Miss Thorington: vocal solos, H. Parker Robinson; recitation, "Simon's Wife's Mudder Lay Sick mit ein Fever," Miss Goebei; pantomime, "A Country Couple at the Opera," Mr. Stace and Miss Thorington.

Part 11. Piano solo, Miss Hattie Ward; scene from "Mary Stuart," Miss Walsh and Miss Thorington) recitation, "Connor" (Irish pathelie), Mr. Stace;

"Connor" (Irish pathelie), Mr. Stace; song, Arion club; recitation, Else Hart; scene from "Twelfth Night," Mise Walsh and Miss Goebel; recitation, "Money Must," Mise Thorington.

Hotel News and Gossip.

Col. E. M. Irish, F. E. Knappen, J. W. Osborn, A. S. Mills and W. J. Howard, all well known Kalamazoo attorneys, and the plaintiff and witnesses in the case of Susan E. Dorgan vs. The Manufacturers' Accident Indemnity company, which is on trial in the United States court, are registered at the Morton. There are seventeen in the party.

T. F. McAvey, an insurance agent of Chicago, is at Sweet's Hotel for a few days. Mr. McAvoy is an ardent ad-mirer of Blaine and hopes for his non-ination at Minneapolis.

E. A. Hough, a well known insur-ance agent of Jackson, is at the New Livingston. Mr. Hough is one of the prominent Sunday-school workers of

Charles Kinsey, Caledonia, and H. Walsh, H.-lland, clothiers, are at Sweet's Hotel. They are buying goods. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. VanAntwerp of Marshall are the guests of Colonel Risely and wife of Sweet's Hotel.

H. L. Gibbs of Greenville, a member of the firm of Gibbs Bros., lumber dealers, is at Sweet's Hotel.

H. C. Despres, Traverse City, of the bardware firm of Despres & Montague, is at Sweet's Hotel.

C. B. Field of St. Joe, president of St. Joe Brick company, is at Sweet's Hotel.

W. C. Partlow of Greenville, owner of large flouring mills, is at Sweet's Chas. F. Eddy and wife of Bay City

are at the Morton.

City Hall Notes. In the superior court yesterday morning City Attorney Taylor moved that a committee be appointed to pre-pare suitable resolutions on the death of Col. George Gray, at one time an autorney in high standing in this city and who died recently in New York City. Judge Burlingame appointed Col. A. T. McReynolds, James W. Ran-som and the Hon. E. S. Eggieston.

Work on the repacking of the cylinder of the elevator engine at the city hall is in progress, and the public is obliged to use the stairways in consequence. The large amount of sand in the city water causes frequent trouble with the engine.

Owing to the recent decision in the case of T. M. Carpenter vs. the city, the board of public works will again advertise for bids for the grading of East Fulton street.

The present is the last week for filing notices of issue of fact for the May term of the superior court.

Ionia Street Improvements.

I will not be long before the unsightly rookeries on Ionia street opposite the Union depot will all be removed and modern business blocks will be erected in their places. The next one to come down is the Central house, which will be demolished next season. It will be replaced by a handsome fourstory brick block by eastern parties who own the property.

Resigned his Position.

S. Hoan Dugteren severed his connection with the Fourth National bank as their general bookkeeper, having been in their employ for the past seven years. He has accepted the position as paying teller of the Michigan State, assisting Mr. Pike, the cashier, in the preliminary arrangements.

Personal and Otherwise.

P. J. Coppens, who has just returned from the south, brought from New Oreans two nests of magnoisa buds with the thick glossy leaves, arranged about them picture squely. Each nests con-

The Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebecca celebrated their anniversary Sunday by attending in a body an aftermoon service at the Broadway Pres-byterian church, when an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Smith.

Married-Berton L. Lewis of Ionia formerly of this city, to Miss Agnes Coles of Maple Rapids, at Belding yes-terday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will reside in Ionia.

The trustees of the Fifth Avenue A M. E. Zon have authorized Mre. Elia Tucker and Neilie Jones to sol cit aid for the carpeting of their courch.

The Woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association will hold meeting in the association parlors today at 4 o'clock.

Bufus Walt Lane filed a sworn state ment with the county clerk yesterday to the effect that he is a practicing phy-

Mrs. C. Bentley and children of White P.g. on are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kitrelman of California street The Rev. Dr. J. Brewster Hubbs of Grace church will go to Muskegon today to attend a church convention.

James Austin ann family will move to Detroit Monday, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. William Rebinson of Muskegon few days in this city. Miss Mabel Fritz has returned from a

visit with her cousin, Mrs. John Rich-John D. Neahr was in the city yester. day on his return to Chippewa from

Hrs. Hattie E. Dyer has returned from a visit with her parente at Ster-

ling, Ill. Nine real estate transfers were re-corded by the register of deeds yester-

The Hon. At. S. White and daughter, Nettie, have returned from Chicago. Frank A. Werner is out again after a

Mrs. B. M. Stowe is visiting her eister, Mrs. I. M. Bradley of Muskegon. Dr. Temple is able to be at his office again after three weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cobb have re-Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Woodcock have retraed from California

The Rev. W. L. Cognisti leaves today for Kanese City. from Florida. Mrs. J. P. Mclivein has returned Charles F. Pick has returned from

## BEST IN THE WORLD

President Leathers Gives a Synopsis to the Great Features-Notable Men and Animals To Be Here.

Don J. Leathers, who is just home from Kentucky, kindly tells the press what he knows about the coming August trotting meeting at North Park.
He says there was never such a meeting in the history of trotting horses as the August meeting promises to be, the August meeting promises to be, the association promising to give away \$17,
COO for special attractions.

On the first day of the meeting, beginning August 9, in addition to the

ginning August 9, in addition to the three classes which will be contested, there will be a matched race between there will be a matched race between the two champion pacers of the world, Direct and Hal Pointer, for \$5000. Mr. Leathers says he has just succeeded in making this match, which he has been working for for some weeks past, and that this great pacing race will unquestionably be as great a drawing card as any association will have this year.

On the second day, August 10, the great feature for this day will be the free-for-all stake for 3-year-old trotters, with Monbars, Chimes Girl, Anna Rean, Gift O'Near, Cecillian, Quick-step, Digma and Beliflower; all the champion 3-year-olds, with the exception of Aran.

On the third day, August 11, the great Nancy Hanks will try to beat the world's record.

On the fourth day, August 12 the

world's record.

On the fourth day, August 12, the great free-for-all stallion race, open to the world, will be trotted for \$10,000. This, it is expected, will be the greatest drawing card that any meeting will have the year. bave this year. Positive Attractions Booked,

The great attraction for the fifth day, August 13, in addition to the three classes to be trotted, will be the Hon. C. J. Hamlin's trio team, Belle Hamlin, Justina and Globe. These three great trotters will give an exhibition mile, driven by Ed Geers, as one team, the three horses hooked abreast. Their record driven in this style is 2:14. Among the trainers and owners of

Among the trainers and owners of the great stables of the country who will be present, and who are so widely known, and probably taked about more than the average horsemen, will be the Hoo. C. J. Hamiin of Buffalo with his entire Village Farm stable. The iton. A. H. Moore of Philadelphia, who has paid something over \$200,000 within the past three months for trotting horses. Monroe Salsbury of California, with his entire stable, including Monears, all to be driven by the great trainer George Starr. Budd cluding Monoars, all to be driven by the great trainer George Starr. Budd Doble, with his great stable, including the unbeaten Nancy Hanks. M. E. McHenry, with his stable, including the great stallions Charleston, Delmarch and Labosco. Charles Marvin, with the Miller & Sibly stable from Pennsylvania, including the great Pennsylvania, including the great Sunol. John Splan from Cleveland, Ohio, with his stable. Bob Stewart of Kansas City, Mo. Johnnie Dickerson of Terre Haute, Ind., and many others.

SEBEWAING THE BETTER.

Result of a Coal Test Made on the Michi-

Following is a comparative test between the Sebewaing and Hocking Valley coal, as made on the Michigan Central railway running from Bay City to Jackson, 115 miles, on March 4. The time was four hours and fifteen min-

Sebewsing Coal.—Amount used, 6500 lbs.; water, 5200 lbs.; steam carried, 140 lbs.; asnes and clean up, 568 lbs. Variate n of steam during the run, 7 lbs.

Hocking Vailey coal, same train and same distance—Con-umed, 6950 lbs.; water, 5200 lbs.; steam carried, 140 lbs.; ashes and clean up, 965 lhs. Variation of steam during the run, 20 lbs.

The test showed a saving in favor of the Sebewang coal of 450 ibs., and the ashes was 392 lbs. less.

Burial Permits.

Joseph Harriman Phillips, 136 Jefferson avenue, typhoid fever, Fulton street; Beerent Buskers, aged 1 year, 105 Hilton street, acute gastritis, Val-ley City; Maria Presley, aged 52, U. B. A. home, cancer, cemetery at Clair, A. home, cancer, cemetery at Clair, Mich.; Kate Rooney, aged 27, 366 Broadway, phthiais pulmonalis, ceme-tery at Holton, Mich.

Sections of the Steamer.

Three car loads of the sections com posing the the new river steamer, Valley City, arrived from Toledo yester-day. There are two car loads yet to arrive, and as soon as they are here Captain Mitchell will have a gang of men at work putting the sections in

St. Mark's Medical Staff.

The appointment of the medical staff for St. Mark's hospital for the ensing year was deferred at the annual meet-ing until the latter part of this week, when a special meeting of the new board of directors will be called.

Contagious Diseases. Fletie Trowbridge, aged, 12, 208 Sheldon street, scariet fever; Mrs. Minnie Jajnor, aged 30, 389 E. Leonard street, typnoid fever.

IN MEMORIAM.

At a meeting of Henry N. Strong Command. No. 26, Union Veterana' Union, held at Soldiers' Home, Monday evening, the following resolution was adopted: That in the death of Comrade Am H. Baker this command has sustained an irreperable loss, and that we, the surviving members, deeply mourn his departure from among uses that of a pleasant associate an friend, an invaluable member of our organization, and the noble order of which it is a part. Peculiarly conscientious and deliberate in his judgment genial and kind in big di-position and true slike to his convictious and becomrades, he was eminently qualifications.

to exemplify and inculcate the princi-ples he in common with us professed, and to efficiently aid in their beneficent The August Trotting and Racing Meeting

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WILLIAM CAMEBON.

Democratic Delegates. Following is a list of the delegates chosen to the democratic county con-

last evening:
First Ward-Dan B. Lawless, Lon

Houseman. Seventh Ward-John W. Hayward.

Samuel O. Dishman, Gerald Fitzgerald.
Eighth Ward-Eli F. Harrington,
Louis L. Launiere, Frank Lepcyineki.
Ninth Ward-E. L. Kellogg, O. T.
Morgan, John C. Boone.
Tenth Ward-Fred Temple, John

Klyne, Reuben Coe.

Eleventh Ward — Jerome Philips,
George H. Cuthouse, William Reese.

Tweifth Ward—Daniel Donohue, Henry Browe, Edward Hitohstine.

Real Estate Transfers.

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Moran S. Crosby to Peter Werkenman, lot 21, bik 4, Pisher a add
Joseph Lee to Levi Messer and wite, lot 7, bik 5, Comstock's past.

Prank J. Lamb to William Whalen, e ½ lot 11, Hall's sub.

Edward L. Briggs to Cutter & Savage Lumber company, lots 23 and 24, Briggs add
Williard E. Yarer to Alexai d r MeLachlin, lot lo. R. H. Stevens' add.

Abi A. Bennis to Win. S. Denison, lot 6, Ke logg & Bennis' add.

Johanna Casman to August Wieting, part tot 19, bik 2, Merril & Min'sadd.

Geo. N. Davis, et al., to John and James Rowson, lot 4, bik 6. Davis, Turner & Carroll's 8th wil add.

Byron McNeal to Eliphalet Sadler, et al., pee land on see [8, Byron.

Milton L. Burch to Benjamin Cellins, abig 10 km 1/2 me 1/2 of see 14, Tyrone.

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Parlor furniture sale at Muller & Slack company, Causl and Huron

An elegant divan of silk brocatell handsomely fringed for \$18.50. It is cheap at \$28. Muller & Slack company, Canal and Huron streets.

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